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FROM US MBFR REP

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SUBJECT: MBFR: UK VIEW ON PRESENT STATUS OF QUADRILATERAL
TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS AND HUNGARIANS

1. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION APRIL 10, UK REP THOMSON,
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE AFTER STOPOVER IN BRUSSELS,
SAID HE WAS QUITE SURE UK WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GO ALONG WITH SOVIET
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PROPOSAL OF APRIL 7 ASREGARDS PROCEDURES PAPER AND HANDLING OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE AND WOULD STRONGLY RESIS ANY LISTING OF HUNGARY AS A SPECIAL PARTICIPANT AND THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA AS WELL.

2. TURKISH REP TULUMEN HAS INDICATED HIS CONCERN THAT HIS AUTHORITIES MAY OPPOSE THE OUTCOME BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA FOR LATER INVOLVEMENT OF TURKEY.

3. FRG REP HOFFMAN REPORTS THAT BONN IS APPARENTLY READY TO GO ALONG WITH THE APRIL 7 OUTCOME. NETHERLANDS REP HAS ALSO RECEIVED GO AHEAD FROM THE HAGUE, BUT IS UNCERTAIN HOW SPIERENBERG WILL CONDUCT HIMSELF PERSONALLY. CANADIAN REP HAS INDICATED HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH APRIL 7 OUTCOME AND WILL RECOMMEND IT BE SUPPORTED. BELGIAN REP ADREANSSEN HAS INDICATED THAT HE PERSONALLY IS READY TO GO ALONG BUT IS UNCERTAIN HOW HIS AUTHORITIES AND ALSO DE STAERCKE WILL REACT. ITALIAN REP PETRIGNANI IS MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED POSSIBILITY OF A UNILATERAL STATEMENT WHICH WOULD MENTION ITALY AND SEEMS TO BE WAVERING. GREEKS DO NOT PARTICULARLY LIKE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA. BASED ON REMARKS OF LOCAL REPS, NORWEGIANS AND DANES WILL PROBABLY GO ALONG.

4. MAIN PROBLEM AS VIEWED FROM HERE WILL BE THE UK. IF THE UK PERSISTS

IN OPPOSITON INNAC AS IT DID DURING THEDISCUSSION OF THE ABEYANCE FORMULA, IT WILL SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR THE DOUBTS OF OTHERS.

5. IF SOVIETS CONFIRM THEIR APRIL 7 POSITION IN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12, AD HOC GROUP WILL PROBABLY FORWARD REPORT TO NAC ON APRIL 13. AS SEEN FROM HERE, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT WHATEVER PRESSURE AVAILABLE FOR PURPOSE BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON UK AT HIGH LEVEL AS SOON AS REPORT IS SUBMITTED AND BEFORE INSTRUCTIONS TO UK DELEGATION AT NAC ARE FIRMED UP. WOULD ALSO BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO ANKARA, ROME AND ATHENS IN SUPPORT OF APRIL 7 OUTCOME, POSSIBLY INFORMING THEM THAT US WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS TO BRING THEM IN THROUGH THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA.

6. ON BASIS LOCAL ATTITUDES, BELIEVE THAT IF UK OPPOSITION CAN BE DEALT WITH RAPIDLY, REMAINING NATO MEMBERS WILL ACCEPT APRIL 7 OUTCOME. HUMES
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